Proposal to set up new Industries/Small Scale Industries in various States

982. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any scheme to set up new industries/Small Scale Industries in districts of various States;

(b) if so, the details of such industries that are likely to be set up during the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount to be provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Under the liberalized Industrial Policy, decision to set up industry depends upon the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur which, in turn, is also based on the initiatives taken by the State Government by way of providing basic infrastructural facilities and other incentives. Industrial Development is primarily the rsponsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government supports the efforts by providing support/incentive under its various Schemes, particularly for development of industrially disadvantageous areas.

Threat of ban on indian imports by Bangladesh

983. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has threatened a ban on Indian imports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there will be loss of hundreds of million of dollars of foreign trade earnings, if the ban is imposed; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. In September, 2004, while addressing the inaugural Session of "India-Bangladesh Dialogue